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Survey measures campus reactions to historic week of March 6-13

The week of March 6-13 will undoubtedly be regarded by historians as a milestone in the movement for deaf rights. But the week of protest, which resulted in the resignation of a hearing president and the selection of Dr. I. King Jordan as the first deaf president in the University's history, also had a strong impact on the Gallaudet community.

Two researchers are trying to find out how far reaching the effects of the week were through a survey of Gallaudet faculty, staff, students, and their families.

Research technician Milo Garcia and research associate Brian Cerney of the Center for Studies in Education in Human Development compiled both long and short form questionnaires for students, faculty and staff, and the families of each group. They received input from a panel of deaf people. "We wanted to make sure that we covered what deaf people were concerned with," said Cerney.

The final results probably won't be tabulated for several months, but an early sampling of data compiled from the short form survey completed by 40 deaf and 60 hearing employees, and another survey completed by 172 students, has revealed some interesting trends.

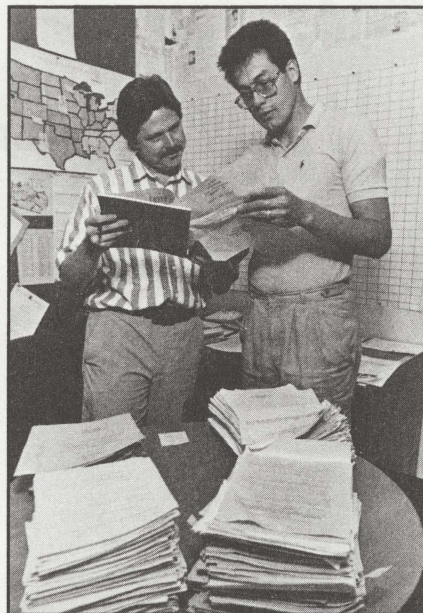
A year before the Deaf President Now (DPN) protest week, hearing employees who answered the questionnaire took little better than a "don't care" attitude toward having a deaf president at Gallaudet. Deaf respondents were a bit more enthusiastic in their desire to have a deaf president, averaging 2.2 on a scale of -5 to +5, with zero indicating an uncaring opinion. One week before the protest, hearing people's attitudes toward a deaf president escalated to 2.8, and deaf people's enthusiasm rose to 3.2. During the protest week, both deaf and hearing people rated a score of 4.1 out of a possible 5.

The same question posed to students also showed that deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students were somewhat apathetic about a deaf president a year before the protest week. But enthusiasm started climbing a week before the protest, particularly among deaf students. During the DPN week, all the student groups' interest in a deaf president climbed to just above 4.0.

A survey question on job satisfaction at Gallaudet shows that prior to the DPN movement, hearing employees averaged a 2.2 response to job satisfaction, using the same scale of -5 to +5, compared to a 1.3 average response by deaf people. After the week, hearing employees' job satisfaction rose to 2.8, while deaf employees registered a 2.2 response.

Both deaf and hearing respondents agreed soundly that the Board of Trustees should at least know basic sign language. Both groups felt that Zinser would still not be Gallaudet's president today even if she knew sign language, although they overwhelmingly felt that Zinser was a qualified administrator and would make an excellent president—of another university.

Employees also agreed that media exposure was the most effective means of helping the students accomplish their four goals. Deaf employees felt that other important methods were contacting members of Congress about the issue and blocking the campus gates, *continued on page 2*



Brian Cerney and Milo Garcia look over questionnaires related to the week of March 6-13.



Gallaudet President King Jordan speaks at the opening of the Fairfax Resource Center for the Hearing Impaired on May 24. Gallaudet will help administer the center until it gains nonprofit status. On the podium, from left, are Joseph Alexander of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, an interpreter, Jordan, Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Audrey Moore, and Hilda Altizer.

Reading clinic accepts applications

Gallaudet's Summer Reading Clinic for hearing impaired children between the ages of 8 and 18 is now accepting applications for its June 27-July 28 session.

The five-week program, which has been offered by the University for eight years, combines diagnostic testing and tutoring to develop an individual reading program for each student.

"One of the program goals is to have the students like reading more and to understand that there is a reason to read," said Dr. Carol LaSasso, a professor in Gallaudet's Department of

Education, who is in charge of the program.

Participants will meet Monday through Thursday for three hours each day, with an optional two-hour recreation program offered in the afternoon. Each student will receive a subscription to *U.S.A. Today* newspaper, which becomes part of the daily reading routine.

The program also includes an optional parent seminar to help parents develop strategies they can use at home to improve their children's reading habits and comprehension.

Cost of the program is \$375, with a \$75 fee for the afternoon recreation program. Parents interested in enrolling their children in the reading clinic can call LaSasso at x5530 for an application.

MSSD students will graduate on June 10

MSSD will hold commencement exercises for the 87 seniors in its 1988 graduating class at 10 a.m. June 10 in the Gallaudet Field House.

This year's commencement speaker will be John Yeh, a Gallaudet graduate and president of Integrated Microcomputer Systems, Inc. of Rockville.

A graduation lunch for seniors and their parents will follow commencement at the University cafeteria. (Gallaudet students will be dining in the MSSD cafeteria.)

For more information, call Jennifer McMillan at x5018.



KDES student Kelli Roberts (right) gets an early lead in the 100-meter race walk with encouragement from coach Sharon Stricklin (second from right), a teacher in the Special Opportunities Program, at the 20th Annual D.C. Special Olympics held at Gallaudet May 19-21. More than 100 athletes from 18 D.C. schools and agencies participated in the event.



Sheila Dean, Philip Bravin, and Dr. James Hicks talk with Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Randall at a Board of Trustees dinner held May 13 to honor some of the University's donors.

Announcements

The campus community is invited to a reception in honor of Rubye Frye Hughes on Wednesday, June 8, from 3-5 p.m. in Chapel Hall. Hughes is retiring after 29 years of service to KDES and the University. Individuals planning to attend should call x5031.

"Ole Jim" will host its first summer happy hour on Thursday, June 9, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. "Ole Jim" will continue hosting happy hours every Thursday and Friday throughout the summer.

Employees under the Civil Service Retirement System who wish to transfer to the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) may do so through June 30. Under FERS an employee would avoid the Public Pension offset that affects spousal survivor benefits under Social Security. For more information and transfer forms, call Kayt Lewis at x5111.

A group of Kendall students and hearing impaired senior citizens from Shiloh Baptist Church will give a performance using creative dance and other arts on June 10 at 1 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. The free performance is part of the work being done by Pauline Fisher with hearing impaired children and seniors through a grant from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and

Humanities. Other performances will be held June 13 at 1 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church and June 16 at 1:15 p.m. at Mary Church Terrell Elementary School.

Summer intramurals and weekend recreation activities are scheduled as follows.

- Hughes Gym: May 25-June 7; Monday-Thursday, 4-8 p.m.; Friday 4-6 p.m.; open recreation.

- Pool Hours: May 25-July 28; Monday-Friday, noon-1 p.m. (faculty/staff, 1-8 p.m.); Saturday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

- Field House Gym Hours: May 25-July 28; Monday-Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

- Racquetball Courts and Weight Room: Monday-Friday, noon-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Reserve courts two days in advance at the Field House equipment room, lower level, Monday-Friday, noon-1 p.m.

- Intramural/weekend activities sign up: Monday-Tuesday, 12:15-1:15 p.m., Ely Center; Monday-Tuesday, 3:15-6 p.m., Cafeteria. Deadline is Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Corrections

In the May 23 *On the Green*, Dr. Michael Karchmer was incorrectly identified as Dr. Patrick Cox in a photo of a presentation of a graduate school award to Vera Follain-Grisell.

In addition, Dr. Edward C. Merrill, Jr. was Gallaudet's fourth president, not sixth; and Associate Professor Angelo Corte has retired from the Art Department after 30 years of service, not 15.

Faculty/staff respond to survey

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while hearing employees felt that forming a DPN council and avoiding destruction were also very effective.

Sign language proficiency and knowledge of deaf culture should be given more priority in determining job qualifications at Gallaudet, according to employees in the early sampling. Currently, 25 percent of the University's employees are deaf. Hearing people predicted that next year the average of deaf employees will increase to 31 percent while deaf people anticipated that the figure would be 33 percent. The hearing respondents felt that in five years the ratio will increase to 41 percent, while deaf respondents felt that it would be up to 45 percent. By the year 2000, the percentage of deaf people will be up to 48 percent, the hearing people predicted, while deaf people forecast that 58 percent of Gallaudet's employees will be deaf.

In the category of emotional side effects from the DPN movement, 61 percent of the deaf employees said they were "obsessed with DPN thoughts," compared with 17 percent of hearing employees who responded similarly. Also, 29 percent of the deaf employees said that they had trouble sleeping following the protest week, while only 5 percent of the hearing employees said that their sleep had been affected, and 24 percent of the deaf employees admitted to unusual emotional behavior since the protest week occurred.

The researchers have also logged

several personal feelings from media reporters who covered the protest. For example, one local reporter revealed that at first he was afraid to come on campus. The reporter said later, however, that he had "developed a great deal of respect for the deaf student leaders with whom he had daily contact. Another reporter who had previously done a story on deaf people did not experience any fear.

The researchers are reluctant to make any more than personal observations about this early survey data, but they feel that enough people returned the surveys to draw some valid conclusions. When the final results are tabulated, the data will be made available to interested people, Garcia said.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: New GE washer/dryer, just out of box, won't fit new house. Call Jinny, x5311.

FOR SALE: '78 Dodge van, automatic, power steering and brakes, AC, custom interior, good mechanical cond., \$1,000/BO. Call Al Clark, x5445 (V), x5555, or 552-4390 (V).

WANTED: Car pool from Hyattsville, Md., to Gallaudet. Call Jinny, x5311.

WANTED: Used baby car seat. Call Arlynn, x5051.

FOR SALE: Infant Snuggli, \$10; Cosco rear-facing infant car seat w/headrest, \$25. Call Sheila, x5373 (TDD).

FOR SALE: Firm queen-size mattress w/box spring and frame, 3 yrs. old, \$250; Lloyd Pump (for pumping breast milk), \$25. Call Sandi, x5200 (TDD) or 794-9410 (TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: Bay front home in Fenwick Island, Del., 3 BR, 2 baths, full kitchen, sleeps 8, clear view of sunset on bay, \$400/wk, \$65/night. Call x5351.

WANTED: House/pet sitter(s) to give TLC to 2 cats and a dog from June 24-Aug. 22 in CAC house w/all conveniences inc. pool privileges in Lanham, Md. Call Debby, x5016, 459-2578 (V/TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: 2-BR furn. bay-side townhouse in Ocean City, Md., on lagoon off 94th St., 5-min walk to ocean, no pets or children, available until August by the week or weekend. Call x5645, x4645, or 345-4206 (TDD) eves.

FREE: Puppies, mixed breed black Labrador and Doberman pinscher, 85 percent black w/brown and white markings, 6-7 wks. old, vaccinated, dewormed. Call Kent, 649-4332 (TDD) eves. or 254-3695 (TDD) days.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female to share fully furnished 4-BR house w/mature professional in Silver Spring, Md., June 12-Aug. 28, \$325/mo. plus util. Call 439-3015 (V) or 454-5766 (V).

WANTED: Female student to share 2-BR apt. w/2 women, private room, in Hyattsville, Md., available June 1. Call Cheryl, 699-3172 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: Bedroom furniture set, inc. double mattress w/box spring, dresser, night table and desk, \$500. Call 699-3172 (V/TDD).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES: National Information Center on Deafness

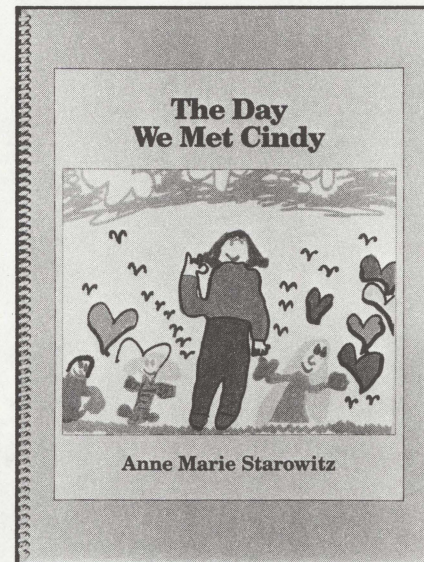
AUDIOLOGIST: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

COORDINATOR, EXTERNAL RELATIONS: Deaf Way

SECOND CLASS ENGINEER: Physical Plant

HEAD COACH, WOMEN'S SWIMMING: Athletic Department (part-time)

HEAD COACH, WOMEN'S TENNIS: Athletic Department (part-time)



The Day We Met Cindy is the newest title from Kendall Green Publications, an imprint of Gallaudet University Press. The children's book, by teacher Anne Marie Starowitz, chronicles her first-grade students' friendship with a deaf woman and is illustrated with drawings by the children. The book is available at local bookstores or through the Gallaudet University Press.



Postsecondary Enrichment Program instructors Lovelle Golden, Linda Turner, Sandy Paradis, and Carol-Ann Smalley applaud as Chairman Robert Fisher (center) unveils a certificate of appreciation, signed by all class members, at a recognition ceremony held May 18.

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